

ABSTRACT**Cleaning Composition**

5 A method of making cleaning or water-softening tablets
involves making a premix of cleaning or water-softening
particulates and a lubricant, for example a sucrose ester
or sorbitan ester; feeding the premix into a feed port of
an extruder; feeding a binder, for example polyethylene
10 glycol, into the extruder at or downstream of the feed
port, the binder being a solid at room temperature but
being mixed with the cleaning or water-softening particles
as a liquid or becoming a liquid inside the extruder; and
extruding the resulting mixture into strands which are
15 separated into tablets.